

Kenneth Rumbold – Crossbank Methodists CC (Pavilion Plaque)



The year 1921 witnessed the birth of one of the most important figures in the history of Crossbank Methodists CC – and this plaque, pinned to the wall of the Lea Road pavilion, commemorates the fact. Ken Rumbold's father Alf had been a dedicated member of the Crossbank Methodist chapel – and had sung a 'bass solo' in 1919 as part of the Sunday School jubilee celebrations.

During his lifetime, Ken was 'Mr Crossbank Methodists'. His father bought the ground in 1953, and Ken sold it to the club for a tiny token fee.

Ken fulfilled various roles including player, secretary, chairman, groundsman, and when he died in 2000 he was club president. 'A great servant to Crossbank Methodists Cricket Club' is the tribute paid to him in the Lea Road pavilion.

No surprise, therefore, when the club decided to christen their beautiful ground, 'The Rumbolds'.